Reported transfusion of death in Hospital

1058. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD.
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 19th July, 1984 under the caption 'Transfusion of death in hospital';

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made into the matter; and

(d) what are the details of action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) Yes.

(b) Delhi Administration has informed that no death due to alleged reaction of I. V. sets occurred.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Extension of Dehri-on-sone to Banjari B.G. line

1059. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial concerns of Banjari areas in Palamau District of Bihar have suggested to the Railway authorities that in case of B.G. line from Dehri-on-sone to Banjari areas is extended, they would be prepared to pay freight to the railways at economic rates; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) No, Sir. During the discussion held by the survey team with some of the industrial concerns, the survey team was given to understand that they were prepared to underwrite the deficit, if any, to make the project viable. But no definite assurance was given to the railway in regard to this.

(b) it is felt that consideration of such arrangements of charging certain parties to pay freight at higher rates which is what the offer amounts to, would be in contravention of the Railway Act, which prohibits any discrimination between users of the Railway.

Expansion of Public Distributon System

1060. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to strengthen and expand public distribution system;

(b) whether Government are considering distribution of all the essential commodities under the public distribution system;

(c) whether State Governments have complained that essential commodities are not being supplied to them for distribution in time; and

(d) if so, what measures Government have taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) to (d) Under the New 20point Programme, the coverage of the public distribution is sought to be expanded by opening new fair price shops, including mobile shops for far-flung areas and shops to cater to industrial workers, students' hostel etc. State Governments are advised from time to time to strengthen the base of the public distribution system and to expand it by opening more fair price shops to achieve the target of one fair price shop per 2,000 persons.

2. The Central Government supplies to the States seven essential commodities, viz. wheat, rice, sugar, imported edible oils, kerosene, soft coke and controlled cloth for public distribution system. Moreover, the State Governments have been given the option to distribute such other items of mass consumption as they consider necessary and for which they can arrange supplies on their own. Many States are supplying additional items of consumer goods through Public Distribution System.

3. All efforts are made to maintain the supply line of essential commodities which are allotted by the Central Government taking into consideration various factors such as availability in the Central Pool, demands from various States, market availability, pattern of consumption etc. The States/Union Territories have been advised to undertake periodic review of the implementation of the Public Distribution Scheme as well as to ensure a greater degree of coordination in procurement, transportation, storage and distribution of essential commodities so that regular supply of these commodities to the consumer is ensured.

Diversion of coal meant for Pawer Houses to private parties

1061. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of clandestine despatch of high quality coal meant for power houses, to some private parties have recently come to light;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against the railway employees involved in these cases and what steps have been taken to ensure that such incidents do not recur?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir. There are some reports about diversion of power house coal to private parties which are being investigated by the Vigilence Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

(b) and (c) The investigations are still in progress and have not yet been finalised. As soon as individual responsibility is fixed, deterrent action will be taken to prevent recurrence.

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1062. श्री मीर्जा इर्शाद बेग ऐयुबबेग क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश के उन स्थानों के नाम क्या हैं जहां के मुख्यत: नमक की ढुलाई की जानी है और गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस प्रयोजन के लिये कितने वैगन उपयोग में लाये गये ;

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात से देश के अन्य भागों में कितनी मात्रा में नमक की ढुलाई की गयी और इसके लिये कितने वैगन उपयोग में लाये गये ;

(ग) जनवरी, 84 से राजकोट डिवीजन में जोनल माल्ट के वैगन और ब्लाक रैकों के लिये कितने इन्डेंट लम्बित हैं ; और